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PENDING PATENT APPLICATIONS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether a large number of patent applications are pending in patent offices;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and (

(c) the steps taken for early disposal of these applications?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH)

(a) and (b) Around 36,000 applications for patents are presently pending in the Patent Office. The pendency is the result of increased filing of patent applications, manual nature of operations in the Patent Office, inadequate number of examiners to deal with the workload, etc.

(c) Government has sanctioned a project for modernisation of Patent Office. As a part of this project, Government intends to clear the backlog of patent applications in a time bound manner.